

# PRYDE

## Juvenile Diversion Program of the Orange County Sheriff's Department



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# Background



## Pepperdine Resource, Youth Diversion and Education

- Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology
- Provide juvenile diversion counseling, classes and case management services for contract cities and unincorporated areas of Orange County
- Contracted continuously with OCSD since 2001
  - ✦ To date PRYDE has managed over 18,000 cases
  - ✦ Majority cases OCSD but also serve School Districts, Community Agencies and Parents
- PRYDE Web Site: <http://gsep.pepperdine.edu/pryde/>

# OCSD Partnership and Overview



- **PRYDE Main Office co-located at Saddleback Station**
  - Provides office space, desktop computers, printers, supplies, conference and training rooms
  - Direct Access to OCSD Field personnel, School Resource Officers, Investigators and Professional Staff
  - OCSD Juvenile Services Bureau Sergeant
    - ✦ Facilitates Background Clearance checks
    - ✦ Coordinates operational and administrative support
    - ✦ Schedule OCSD personnel training and briefings

# Referral Procedures



- School Resource Officers
- Patrol Personnel
- Juvenile Investigators and Investigative Assistants
- SMART
- Teachers/School Administrators
- Parents
- Self

Types of referrals include both sanctioned and non-sanctioned

# Juvenile Diversion Process



# Why Is Youth Diversion Important?



- **Reduce Recidivism**
  - Juvenile diversion has been shown to reduce recidivism
    - ✦ PRYDE's recidivism rates have been below reference rates
- **Goal of Juvenile Justice is Rehabilitation**
  - Evaluation, case planning, treatment and outcome evaluation
  - Behavior disorders, antisocial behavior and substance use
- **Reduce Costs (both short and long term)**
  - Reduce Juvenile Court and Probation involvement
  - Pepperdine University Graduate School as partner
    - ✦ Highly trained/experienced mental health staff and graduate students
- **Prevention and Early Intervention**
  - Identify youth at risk in the community
  - Provide no cost services for youth and their families
    - ✦ Assessment, counseling, outside referrals and advocacy
    - ✦ Critical for those families without insurance

# Pathways to Youth Criminal Behavior



## Peers, School and Community Characteristics

Criminal  
subculture

Deviant Peer  
Influences

Favorable  
attitudes toward  
antisocial  
behavior

Dropout

Low School  
Achievement

## Family / Parenting Characteristics

Low Warmth,  
high conflict  
Parenting,  
Psychopathology

Substance use,  
Chaotic  
environment

## Individual Youth Characteristics

Low IQ, Temperament &  
Attitudes  
Substance Abuse/Dependence

Psychiatric Pathology

# Comprehensive Multi-modal Treatment



## Peers, School and Community Characteristics

Mentoring

Enforce  
probation

Communicate  
with Law  
Enforcement  
and Courts

Consult with  
teachers/ school

## Family / Parenting Characteristics

Behavioral  
Parent Training  
Family  
Counseling  
Parent  
Counseling

Aid family with  
resources

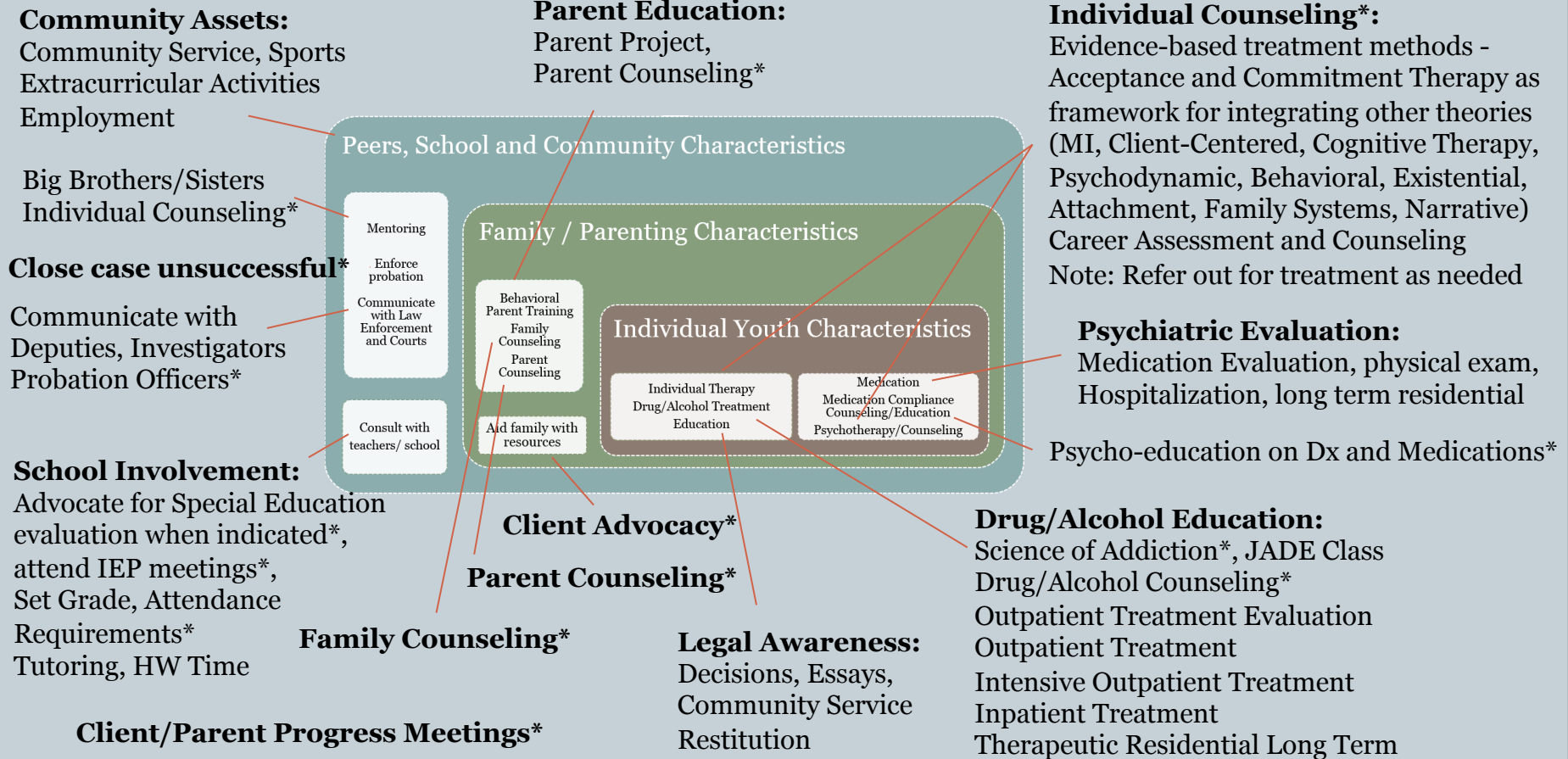
## Individual Youth Characteristics

Individual Therapy  
Drug/Alcohol Treatment  
Education

Medication  
Medication Compliance  
Counseling/Education  
Psychotherapy/Counseling



# Comprehensive Multi-Modal Treatment Model



\* Direct services provided

# PRYDE Program Services: What We Do



- Accept referrals from OCSD, SMART, Schools, School Districts, Parents and Community Agencies.
  - Contact the families, explain the program and schedule the intake
- Comprehensive individualized Intake Assessment
- Provide individual, parent and family counseling
- Science of Addiction Drug and alcohol prevention class
- Parenting Class / Group for Spanish language speakers
- No charge for any of our direct services to the youth
  - Referrals to outside agencies based on our choice of who best serves the youth and their families – sliding scales and scholarships available
- Monitor and report case progress/status to referring agency
- Serve around 500 youth and their families each year

# PRYDE Organization: Who We Are



- Kenneth Woog, Psy.D., MBA (2002-)
  - Program Director
  - Clinical Psychologist, Clinical Supervisor
- Olga Cervantes, Psy.D. (2005-)
  - Clinical Psychologist / LMFT, Clinical Supervisor
- Lucinda Wilson, LMFT (2001-)
  - Clinical Supervisor
- Clara Lee, LMFT (2014-)
- 2-3 Administrative Diversion Specialists
  - Administrative support
- 10-15 Diversion Specialists
  - MFT Associates, psychology intern counselors working out of offices and schools throughout the county:
    - ✦ Lake Forest, Mission Viejo (THHS, Silverado HS), San Clemente/San Juan Capistrano( SJHills HS)
  - Bilingual, bicultural (Spanish, Farsi, Korean)



# PRYDE Budget

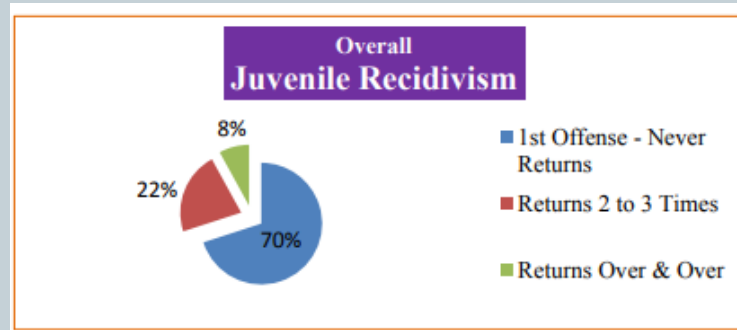


- **Contract amount 2010-2020: \$350,705**
  - Had not changed over 10 years
    - ✦ University has been generously supporting this program
  - Small increase for 2021-2022
- **Current FY Year Amount: \$431,150**
  - Approved by Board of Supervisors mid year
  - No increases in billing rates or other costs
    - ✦ Increases allow for greater number of service hours delivered
    - ✦ Allows hiring additional staff
  - Likely billing for FY 2022-2023 \$400,000

# Success/ Recidivism / Prevention Data



- Historically 80-85% of youth complete PRYDE (OCSD) successfully
- Recidivism for PRYDE - new law violations (2017-2018, source: OC Probation)
  - 9% for 12 months after completion
    - ✦ 6% within 6 months
    - ✦ 3% 6-12 months
  - Last data provided
- County-wide data 2013/2014:
  - 70% of 1<sup>st</sup> Offence No reoffense
  - 22% - Reoffend 2-3 x
  - 8% - multiple reoffenders



Juvenile Offenders and Recidivism: Orange County Solutions  
2013-2014 Orange County Grand Jury

# Success/ Recidivism / Prevention Data



- N (%) Re-offended while in PRYDE (OCSD cases)
  - 2019 : 2 (1.3%)
  - 2020 : 5 (2.6%)
  - 2021 : 5 (3.2%)
  - 2022 : 2 (1.5%)
- Prevention: Youth referred to PRYDE without a law violation during a calendar year and the number of subsequent violations over the next 2 years if participated in PRYDE vs. not.
  - 2017 - 43% less likely to get a new law violation in subsequent 2 years
  - 2018 - 43% less likely to get a new law violation in subsequent 2 years
  - 2019 - 65% less likely to get a new law violation in subsequent 2 years
  - 2020 - insufficient data (only 1 law violation and did participate in PRYDE)

# Early Intervention Is Our Mission



## Areas of Serious Concern

- **Violence and victimization**
  - Bullying, criminal threats, school shootings
  - Self-harm (cutting, etc.)
  - Suicide rates have increased over 50% during the last decade, now younger victims
  - Influence of the media and use of social media increasing risk for youth today
- **Substance use and dependency**
  - Increased youth vaping (nicotine, THC), marijuana, edibles
    - ✦ Harder to detect in the schools
    - ✦ Addiction and overdose becoming a real problem for THC
  - Opioid/Fentanyl epidemic
- **School Failure / School drop out**
  - Accommodation for school failure
  - Alternative Education
- **Untreated or undertreated mental illness**
  - Late adolescence is when serious mental illnesses starts to emerge
  - Access to quality care even with insurance remains limited

# Questions?



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